



**The PhD Project
Hall of Fame
Inaugural Inductee - 2011
Quiester Craig, Ph.D.**

**Dean Emeritus of the School of Business and Economics,
North Carolina A&T State University**

- Dr. Craig has created a incredibly diverse campus at North Carolina A&T and can proudly boast that there are more PhD Project professors on faculty there than at any other U.S. business school. That did not happen by accident...it is a result of his participation in each and every one of our annual conferences and a continued presence at our Accounting DSA's mentoring students and new faculty.

Dr. Quiester Craig was appointed Professor of Accounting and Dean of the School of Business and Economics at North Carolina A&T State University in July, 1972. Craig received the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Morehouse College, the MBA from Atlanta University, and the Ph.D. in Accounting from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and is a CPA in Missouri and North Carolina. During his tenure, the business programs received the *unanimous* vote in 1979 for undergraduate accreditation by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—the premier accrediting agency for academic programs in management and accounting. The accounting program was the *first* program at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to receive AACSB International accreditation in 1986.

Dr. Craig received the Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of Black Accountants in June, 1985, and the Administrator of the Year Award from North Carolina A&T State University at the May, 1986 Commencement. In April, 1987, he was honored as the Business and Public Citation Merit Awardee of the University of Missouri-Columbia. During 1988, Miller Brewing Company selected Dr. Craig for its “Gallery of Greats: 12 Black Educators. . . Building the Foundation.” In 1991, he was honored as Clark-Atlanta University’s Outstanding Graduate Alumnus of the Year. In 1991, he was also honored with the “Outstanding Educator Award” by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. In August, 1994, he was recognized as the Beta Alpha Psi Accountant of the Year (Education) at its annual meeting. In October, 1998, Dr. Craig received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



Dr. Craig is the only African-American to serve as President of AACSB International (1992) in its almost 100 year history and was also the first African-American elected as President of Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Honor Society for qualified students in AACSB International accredited business programs, for the 2000-2002 period. In April, 2004, he received exemplary honor and recognition with the naming of the new classroom building for the School of Business and Economics at North Carolina A&T State University as Quiester Craig Hall. In June, 2005, he was the recipient of The Milton Wilson Dean's Excellence Award from the HBCU Dean's Roundtable. In November 2011, Dr. Craig was one of the inaugural inductees into the Ph.D. Project Hall of Fame.

Dr. Craig was also honored with the AACSB International Distinguished Leadership Award in April 2013. On April 16, 2013, he received a Resolution from the Greensboro City Council recognizing and highlighting the impact of his tenure as Dean of the School of Business and Economics. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the most prestigious awards of the State of North Carolina, was presented to Dr. Craig on April 19, 2013. He received the Outstanding Dean Award from Beta Alpha Psi at its annual meeting in August, 2013.

Dr. Craig holds membership and participates in a number of professional organizations and has been active in the programs of the Ph.D. Project since its inception. He has been an educational consultant, authored academic and professional publications, and has made many professional program presentations. He retired as Dean of the School in June, 2013 and has been appointed Dean Emeritus.